



Workshop/Roundtable on ‘The Quantitative turn in the History of Economics : Lessons from the Sociology and the Economics of Scientific Research’

Friday 8 July 2016, 10am-4pm

University of Cergy, Les Chênes building, room 406

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In recent years, new (sub)fields of studies have emerged that have tried to use quantitative data to describe and/or appraise the development of scientific research. Works done in economics and in the history and sociology of science have shed some new light on topics such as submissions, co-authorship, citation patterns, shifts in methods and emergence of new fields. In the history of economics (HET), the availability of databases such as Web of Science, Jstor and EconLit and the development of ready-made visualization tools, such as Wordle or N-gram viewer offer new opportunities to ground claims about the development of the economics discipline.

This workshop brings together historians of economics as well as economists from other subfields and sociologists/ historians of science who have done quantitative research that is relevant to understand the issues surrounding this new quantitative trend in HET.

Program:

10 am – 10.30 pm: welcome and introductory remarks

10.30 am – 12.30 pm: François Claveau “An Interactive Web Platform on Specialties in Economics”

12.30 pm – 2 pm: lunch and coffee

2 pm – 4 pm: roundtable on the quantitative turn in the history of economics: which methods, which issues?

List of participants: Yann Giraud, Rodrigo Paillacar (THEMA, UCP), Pedro Duarte (University of Sao Paulo), José Edwards (University Adolfo Ibáñez, Viña del Mar), Ivan Ledezma (Université de Bourgogne), Béatrice Cherrier (Université de Caen), Andrej Svorencik (University of Mannheim), Christophe Schinckus (University of Leicester), François Claveau (UQAM).
